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H.B. No. 2502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 571.003(15), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(15) "Non-physician mental health professional" means:

(A) a person who is:

(i) a psychologist licensed to practice in this state and designated as a health-service provider;

(ii) ~~[(B)]~~ a registered nurse with a master's or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;

(iii) ~~[(C)]~~ a licensed clinical social worker;

(iv) ~~[(D)]~~ a licensed professional counselor licensed to practice in this state; ~~[or]~~

(v) ~~[(E)]~~ a licensed marriage and family therapist licensed to practice in this state; or

(vi) a licensed physician assistant; or

(B) a person:

(i) whose practice does not include diagnosis or psychological services typically performed by:

(a) a psychologist licensed to

1 practice in this state and designated as a health-service provider;
2 (b) a registered nurse with a master's
3 or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;
4 (c) a licensed clinical social
5 worker;
6 (d) a licensed professional counselor
7 licensed to practice in this state; or
8 (e) a licensed marriage and family
9 therapist licensed to practice in this state; and
10 (ii) who is a licensed occupational
11 therapist licensed to practice in this state.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.